RESOLUTION NO. 25-14

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WISCONSIN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Bevick was appointed Wisconsin’s first State Leader of Boys’ and Girls’ (4-H) Club Work with the new Cooperative Extension Service in July 1914 and organized the first 4-H club the following October, and

WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the unique partnership between the counties of the state, the University of Wisconsin-Extension and Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development, and

WHEREAS, this partnership embodies the true meaning of the “Wisconsin Idea” – that the resources of the university shall be extended to the people of the state where they live and work, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development’s purpose is to help youth learn leadership, citizenship and life skills, and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Extension Fond du Lac County youth development programs annually reach more than 1,000 boys and girls countywide through community clubs, as well as faculty, staff and agency collaborations, where young people develop skills in teamwork, personal relationships, self-confidence, public speaking, responsibility, leadership, decision-making, financial management, independence, community service, safety and healthy living, and

WHEREAS, adult volunteers have served as a crucial component of the 4-H program since its initiation, with more than 200 volunteers in Fond du Lac County currently working in partnership with 4-H members, and

WHEREAS, the vitality of today’s Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program, as well as the national reputation of 4-H as the largest out-of-school educational organization, can be credited to the men and women of vision who accepted the challenge in 1914.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors hereby commends and congratulates Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development for its leadership, cooperation and support, which allow youth and families to apply research and knowledge of the University of Wisconsin to their lives, homes and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors encourages its members to work collaboratively with Fond du Lac County 4-H Youth Development educators and the University of Wisconsin-Extension to commemorate and celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Wisconsin 4-H.

Dated June 17, 2014

FISCAL NOTE: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund.

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